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ABSTRACT

The 1972 report of the Sarawak Council for Further Education and the minutes of its 31 March 1973 meetings are provided. Information regarding committee memberships, staff, education centers, yearly examinations, and finances is provided. (KM)

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REPORT OF SARAWAK COUNCIL FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

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Encik Sie Kwang Choon	-	Hon. Treasurer
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Encik T. Komarusamy, BBS	-	Committee Member
Cik Lo Suan Hian	-	Committee Member
Cik Tra Zehnder	-	Committee Member

Office Staff

Encik Lim Eng Wan	-	Assistant Supervisor
Cik Ling Pik Yin	-	Clerk
Cik Lim Hui	-	Part-time Clerk
Encik Abdul Karim bin Ali	-	Part-time Office Boy
Encik Othman bin Zainudin	-	Centre Supervisor
Encik Hussain bin Hj. Paris	-	Centre Supervisor
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(iii) Commercial Classes (Typing and Shorthand - Book-keeping class)

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(iv) Chinese classes (Primary and Junior Middle).

(v) Tamil Classes.

Enrolment and Teachers

(i) Kuching Centre

In 1972 there were 3,050 students in 87 classes attending various courses with part-time staff of 87 teachers in Kuching Centre alone.

(ii) Other Centres

The Council also conducted classes in other centres as follows:-

Centre	Type of Course	Enrolment
Bau	Bahasa Malaysia	65
Siburan Village	English	42
17th Mile	Sewing	32
	Bahasa Malaysia	28
Indian Association	Tamil	27
Kuching Chinese Women's Association	Chinese	182
Simanggang	English	48
	Bahasa Malaysia	133
	Typewriting	45
Sibu	Bahasa Malaysia	471
	Typewriting	18
Binatang	Bahasa Malaysia	64
Sarikei	Bahasa Malaysia	262
Miri/Lutong	Bahasa Malaysia	357
	Typewriting	25
Marudi	Bahasa Malaysia	67
Limbang	Bahasa Malaysia	99
Lawas	Bahasa Malaysia	97
		2,062

(iii) Examinations 1972

a) London Chamber of Commerce Examination 1972, Kuching Centre. (Typing and Shorthand)

Season	Entries	Passes
Autumn (Shorthand)	14	5
Autumn (Typing)	31	22

b) Lower Certificate of Education (L.C.E./Sijil Rendah Pelajaran)

Centre	Entries	Passes
Kuching	114	90
Sibu	37	17
Sarikei	68	30
Marudi	19	14
Limbang	52	24
Lawas	13	10
	303	185

c) Government Bahasa Malaysia Examination

Centre	Stage	Sat	Passes
Kuching	I	956	Results not known
	II	704	
	III	218	
Bau	I	28	
	II	23	
Simanggang	I	70	
	II	20	
	III	2	
Sibu	I	222	
	II	69	
	III	19	
Binatang	I	48	
	II	19	
	III	1	
Sarikei	I	123	
	II	66	
	III	6	
Miri	I	146	
	II	57	
	III	18	
Marudi	I	27	
	II	13	
	III	3	
Limbang	I	37	
	II	32	
	III	4	
Lawas	I	32	
	II	4	
	III	3	
		2,970	

Summary		
	I	1,689
	II	1,007
	III	274
		2,970

d) Malaysia Certificate of Education (Malay Language)

(M.C.E./Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia)

Centre	Entries	Passes
Kuching	14	None

FINANCE

The Council gratefully received, and spent, a Government grant of $40,000/- from the Education Department.

The Council pays a subsidy of $1.00 per registered student per month, and other necessary expenses, e.g. installation of lighting, fencing, school furnitures, typewriters, etc.

The Council is much beholden to the Kuching Municipal Council for the use of their school premises to conduct our Night Schools in the following Centres, namely: Green Road Primary School, and Song Kheng Hai Council Primary School.

BUILDING PROJECT

The State Government has most kindly alienated a piece of land to the Council for the building of its own Headquarters. The Council hopes to raise the necessary funds to undertake the work of construction as soon as possible.

GENERAL

The year 1972 is another year of great success and the number of enrolment in Kuching alone was 3,050.

The interest to learn Bahasa Malaysia is very great but many requests for opening new Branches in and around Kuching and Rural areas were turned down due mainly to lack of school premises and funds.

L.C.C. (English) and G.C.E. classes had to be closed down due to poor attendance.

The Book-keeping class was closed down on 1st April, 1972, and the typing classes were reduced to only one, due to the setting up of many private commercial institutions and the opening of the Vocational School by Government.

SARAWAK COUNCIL FOR FURTHER EDUCATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Sarawak Council for Further Education held on Saturday, 31st March, 1973 at 2.30 p.m. at the Council premises, 13, Jalan Tun Haji Openg, Kuching.

PRESENT:
Mr. Yeo Cheng Hoe, PBS, OBE, President
Mr. B. Tangamuthu, Hon. Secretary
Mr. Kong Yun Chong, Hon. Asst. Secretary
Mr. Sie Kwang Choon, Hon. Treasurer
Mr. Lee Wah Siew, Hon. Asst. Treasurer
Mr. Cyril A. Eland
Mr. John Chin
Mrs. Tra Zehnder

APOLOGY:
Encik Mohd. Sobeng bin Tamin, PBS, Vice President
Mr. Lo Foot Kee
Mrs. Lo Suan Hian

ABSENT:
Encik Zainudin bin Satem, AMN
Encik Othman bin Hj. Zainudin, Centre Supervisor
Mr. T. Komarusamy, BBS

IN ATTENDANCE:
Haji Mohd. Din Bin Musa, PPN, Asst. Supervisor
Encik Hussain bin Haji Paris, Centre Supervisor
Mr. Thomas Chong, Centre Supervisor

DELEGATES:
Mr. John Lusoi, Mr. Stephen Landong — Simanggang Branch
Encik Syawe Ming Neng, Encik Thomas Lee, Mr. Chung Ching Siew — Sarikei Branch
Mr. Teng Tung Hsin — Binatang Branch
Encik Hj. Zainuddin Hassan, Encik Noor Rahim Hj. Johor, Encik Yusof Abunawas — Sibu Branch
Mr. Sim Teck Sing, Mr. Chu Kar Nong — Miri Branch
Mr. Wong Fu Cheong, Mr. Raymond Lim — Limbang Branch

A1/73 President's Address

"This year we have much to be thankful for.

First, we thank our Government through the Director of Education for an increase of grant this year. With this increment the council can now set up more Centres with night schools to satisfy the ever growing demands for more classes to cater to the needs of the people, especially in the teaching of Bahasa Malaysia.

Secondly, we are thankful to our Government through the Director of Land & Survey for granting the Council a piece of land near the Upland circus for the building of an office and hall and class rooms. We need this very badly, because for the past 19 years the Council has had no roof of its own. Now we look forward to owning a Headquarters soon.

Thirdly, we are gratified with the examination results obtained by our students, especially in the subject of Bahasa Malaysia. For instance out of 109 sat for the L.C.E. Bahasa Malaysia paper, 90 passed very nicely. Last year 2,966 candidates from our Council and Branch Councils sat for the Peringkat ke-satu, ke-dua, and ke-tiga examinations. We are awaiting the coming of the results soon.

Fourthly, we thank the Kuching Municipal Council, other School Boards, and other organisations for the use of their school premises to hold our night classes.

Finally, I want to thank all the Members of our Council and Branch Councils for their hard work in furthering the progress of our night schools. We need more and more civic minded people to come forward to help sharing in the work we have in hands.

And I thank also the office staff, especially Mr. Lim and Madam Tan, for their devoted services for the past many years. They left the Council on health reason and transfer respectively. I welcome our new Assistant Supervisor, Tuan Haji Din; and our clerk, Miss Teo.

And I thank our Centre Supervisors and teachers for the hard work they have put in and are putting in. May their noble labour be crowned with good examination results!

Before I end my address may I remind you all that we are all invited to the annual Re-union Party at 7.30 p.m. sharp at the Jubilee Hall, Padungan. As usual we have invited many friends and well-wishersof our Council and we hope that many, many will be able to come, so that we may have a very nice and enjoyable evening.

Thank you."

A2/73 Confirmation of Minutes

Mr. Kong Yun Chong proposed and seconded by Tuan Haji Zainudin Hassan, that the minutes of the 1972 Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 1st April, 1972 be confirmed and signed by the President. This was done.

A3/73 Matters arising therefrom

Mr. Syawe Ning Neng from Sarikei raised the question of increasing the monthly subsidy back to $1.50 per student as there was financial problem in Sarikei, due to number of students could not be increased. The Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Sie Kwang Choon, explained that the increased grant was meant for the opening of more Bahasa Malaysia classes throughout Sarawak. The Hon. Assistant Secretary, Mr. Kong Yun Chong, pointed out that all branches should co-operate with each other to gain the confidence of the government that we are making full use of the grant to further the progress of adult education and not for profit making.

Mr. Sie pointed out that the grant for Miri for the whole of 1972 was not paid due to no submission of statements of accounts. He informed the Miri delegates that half of it would be paid by the end of April and that the other half before the end of the year, when the usual statements were submitted.

In view of some financial difficulties of the branches, Mr. John Chin pointed out it would be advisable for the branches to work out estimates of expenditure for the coming year so that each Branch could work out the actual expenditure needed for a specific year.

A4/73 The Audited Account for the year of 1972

The Audited accounts, having been proposed by Mr. Sim Teck Sing and seconded by Tuan Haji Zainudin Hassan, were unanimously accepted and passed.

A5/73 Election of Office Bearers

Before going on to the election of office bearers, the Assistant Supervisor informed the members that Mr. B. Tangamuthu had sent in a letter of resignation because of pressure of office duties. He also informed the meeting that the Indian Association would nominate someone in due course to replace Mr. Komarusamy who had been transferred to Simanggang.

The Committee Members unanimously agreed that office bearers would be elected by show of hands after nominees had been proposed and seconded.

President - Mr. Yeo Cheng Hoe	- Proposed by Mr. Kong Yun Chong and seconded by Mr. John Chin. Unanimously agreed.
Vice President - Encik Mohd. Sobeng bin Tamin	- Proposed by Mr. Kong Yun Chong and seconded by Mr. Teng Tung Hsin. Unanimously agreed.
Hon. Secretary - Mr. Kong Yun Chong	- Proposed by Mr. B. Tangamuthu and seconded by Mr. Sie Kwang Choon. Unanimously agreed.
Hon. Asst. Secretary- Mrs. Tra Zehnder	- Proposed by Mr. Sie Kwang Choon and seconded by Mr. B. Tangamuthu. Uanani-mously agreed.
Hon. Treasurer - Mr. Sie Kwang Choon	- Proposed by Mr. Syawe Ming Neng and seconded by Mr. Kong Yun Chong. Uananimously agreed.
Hon. Asst. Treasurer - Mr. Lo Foot Kee	- Proposed by Mr. Kong Yun Chong and seconded by Mr. Sie Kwang Choon. Unanimously agreed.

Committee Members

Mr. B. Tangamuthu
Mr. Cyril A. Eland
Mr. Lee Wah Siew
Mr. John Chin
Mrs. Lo Suan Hian
Encik Zainudin bin Satem, AMN

Any other business

(i) Limbang Branch

Mr. Raymond Lim asked why the examination results of the Stage I, II & III came out so late every year. The President said it was something beyond our control. It was suggested that a school leaving certificate be given to a candidate after the examination if he or she wished to apply for a job, stating that applicant had completed the course of study of Bahasa Malaysia and had sat for the examination and the result was expected.

(ii) The Assistant Supervisor and delegates from Miri and Sarikei stated that where there were Kelas Perpaduan (Goodwill free classes), students went over to Sekolah Perpaduan classes because of various reasons, e.g. they too run their classes like ours, or their students registered for examination first or their supervisor wanted to have greater enrolment of students, etc..

(iii) Mr. Kong Yun Chong suggested that the delegates on their return should write and send all their problems for the consideration of our Council and, if deemed justifiable, the Council might write to the authorities concerned seeking their advice and assistance to avoid duplicating activities similar to our night schools in places where our Council had already got classes there.

(iv) Mr. Teng Tung Hsin of Binatang said that our Branch Council should put their efforts to conduct our SCFE classes in such an excellent manner that no students of ours would ever dream of deserting our teachers and the classes they were attending even though they were paying fees.

(v) The President also pointed out that in Kuching we had centres where our students and the Sekolah Perpaduan students were studying in the same school premises and yet the number of our students kept on increasing. This was so because the methods of learning the national language were different, and ours seemed to be preferred as our students had to sit for public examinations.

(vi) Sibu Branch

Tuan Haji Zainudin Hassan pointed out that it took a very long time for the Government to grant permission to teachers to attend Annual General Meeting. It was agreed that in future when a delegate, who happened to be working in a government department, wanted to seek permission the Council could assist him to apply on his behalf to the Head of Department.

(vii) Encik Noor Rahim Hj. Johor stated in spite of a number of private evening classes in Sibu, the attendance of students of the Sibu Branch was not affected. This might be due to our better methods of teaching rendered by the teachers.

(viii) He also pointed out why there were no long service medals given to Committee Members. The President stated that in the past, small gifts such as fountain pens were given as a token of appreciation.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5.15 p.m.

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President

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(Hj. Mohd. Din Bin Musa, PPN)
f. Hon. Secretary.

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